

Quasi-periodic attractors, Borel summability and the Bryuno condition for strongly dissipative systems

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Abstract

We consider a class of ordinary differential equations describing one-dimensional analytic systems with a quasi-periodic forcing term and in the presence of damping. In the limit of large damping, under some generic non-degeneracy condition on the force, there are quasi-periodic solutions which have the same frequency vector as the forcing term. We prove that such solutions are Borel summable at the origin when the frequency vector is either any one-dimensional number or a two-dimensional vector such that the ratio of its components is an irrational number of constant type. In the first case the proof given simplifies that provided in a previous work of ours. We also show that in any dimension d , for the existence of a quasi-periodic solution with the same frequency vector as the forcing term, the standard Diophantine condition can be weakened into the Bryuno condition. In all cases, under a suitable positivity condition, the quasi-periodic solution is proved to describe a local attractor.

1 Introduction

In this paper we pursue the study started in [3, 1]. We consider one-dimensional systems with a quasi-periodic forcing term in the presence of strong damping, described by ordinary differential equations of the form

$$\varepsilon \ddot{x} + \dot{x} + \varepsilon g(x) = \varepsilon f(\omega t), \quad (1.1)$$

where $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is the frequency vector, $g(x)$ and $f(\psi)$ are functions analytic in their arguments, with f quasi-periodic, i.e.

$$f(\psi) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{i\nu \cdot \psi} f_\nu, \quad (1.2)$$

with average $\langle f \rangle = f_0$, and $\varepsilon > 0$ is a real parameter, physically representing the inverse of the damping coefficient. With \cdot we are denoting the scalar product in \mathbb{R}^d . A Diophantine condition is assumed on ω for $d > 1$, that is

$$|\omega \cdot \nu| \geq C_0 |\nu|^{-\tau} \quad \forall \nu \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \{0\}, \quad (1.3)$$

where $|\nu| = |\nu|_1 \equiv |\nu_1| + \dots + |\nu_d|$, and C_0 and τ are positive constants. The set of vectors satisfying the condition (1.3) is non-void for $\tau \geq d - 1$ and is of full measure for $\tau > d - 1$. For $d = 1$ we denote the vectors without boldface; in that case ω will be called the frequency number.

In [3] we showed that, under the non-degeneracy condition

$$\exists c_0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } g(c_0) = f_0 \text{ and } g'(c_0) \neq 0, \quad (1.4)$$

the system (1.1) admits a quasi-periodic solution $x(t; \varepsilon)$ with the same frequency vector as the forcing. Such a solution can be obtained by a suitable summation of the formal power series

$$x_0(t; \varepsilon) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^k x^{(k)}(t), \quad x^{(k)}(t) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{i\nu \cdot \omega t} x_{\nu}^{(k)}, \quad (1.5)$$

which solves the equations of motion order by order. For $d = 1$ (periodic forcing) the series (1.4) is Borel summable in ε . In [1] we also showed that if $g'(c_0) > 0$, for any d such a solution is locally an attractor. In some cases, for instance if $g(x) = x^{2p+1}$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, and $f_0 > 0$, the attractor is global.

In this paper we first give a different (simpler) proof of Borel summability in the periodic case (Section 2), then we prove that the formal series for the solution turns out to be Borel summable also for $d = 2$ and $\tau = 1$ (Section 3); this corresponds to frequency vectors with components such that their ratios are irrational numbers of constant type (i.e. numbers with bounded partial quotients in their continued fraction expansion). The proof does not rely on Nevanlinna-type theorems [8], but consists in checking directly that the conditions for the formal series of the solution to be Borel summable are satisfied, and follows the same strategy introduced in [4] to investigate Borel summability of lower-dimensional tori.

Finally in Section 4 we show how to relax the Diophantine condition. We show that, in order to have the same results on existence and attractivity of the quasi-periodic solution, one can take ω to be a Bryuno vector, that is one can assume that, by defining

$$B(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log \frac{1}{\alpha_n(\omega)}, \quad \alpha_n(\omega) = \inf_{|\nu| \leq 2^n} |\omega \cdot \nu|, \quad (1.6)$$

then ω satisfies the Bryuno condition $B(\omega) < \infty$. More formal statements will be given in next sections.

2 Borel summability for $d = 1$

First of all let us recall the definition of Borel summability [8]. Let $f(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varepsilon^n$ a formal power series (which means that the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is well defined). We say that $f(\varepsilon)$ is *Borel summable* if

1. $B(p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n p^n / n!$ converges in some circle $|p| < \delta$,
2. $B(p)$ has an analytic continuation to a neighbourhood of the positive real axis, and
3. $g(\varepsilon) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-p/\varepsilon} B(p) dp$ converges for some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Then the function $B(p)$ is called the *Borel transform* of $f(\varepsilon)$, and $g(\varepsilon)$ is the *Borel sum* of $f(\varepsilon)$. Moreover if the integral defining $g(\varepsilon)$ converges for some $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ then it converges in the circle $\text{Re } \varepsilon^{-1} > \text{Re } \varepsilon_0^{-1}$. A function which admits the formal power series expansion $f(\varepsilon)$ is called Borel summable if $f(\varepsilon)$ is Borel summable; in that case the function equals the Borel sum $g(\varepsilon)$.

Theorem 2.1 *Consider the system (1.1) for $d = 1$, and assume that the non-degeneracy condition (1.4) is fulfilled. There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ there is a periodic solution $x(t; \varepsilon)$ which has the same frequency number as the forcing term and is Borel summable in ε at the origin. If $g'(c_0) > 0$ such a solution describes a local attractor.*

Proof. We consider explicitly the case $g(x) = x^2$ in (1.1), which corresponds to the varactor equation extensively studied in [3, 2, 1]; the general case can be easily dealt with by reasoning as in Section VII of [3]. In [3] we proved that the formal power series (1.5) is well defined and that to any order k one has

$$\left| x_{\nu}^{(k)} \right| \leq A_1 \varepsilon_2^{-k} k!, \quad \left| x^{(k)}(t) \right| \leq A_1 \varepsilon_2^{-k} k!, \quad (2.1)$$

for suitable constants A_1 and ε_2 (cf. formula (4.5) in [3]). This means that the first condition, in the definition of Borel summability, is satisfied, with $\delta = \varepsilon_2$.

In [3] we also proved that the formal power series can be summed, and gives a function

$$x(t; \varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\omega \nu t} x_{\nu}^{[k]}, \quad (2.2)$$

which is real-analytic and periodic in t , and analytic in ε in a suitable domain tangent to the imaginary axis at the origin. The coefficients $x_{\nu}^{[k]}$ can be written as

$$x_{\nu}^{[k]} = \sum_{\theta \in \mathcal{T}_{k, \nu}} \text{Val}(\theta), \quad \text{Val}(\theta) = \left(\prod_{\ell \in L(\theta)} g_{\ell} \right) \left(\prod_{v \in E(\theta) \cup V(\theta)} F_v \right), \quad (2.3)$$

where the symbols are defined as in Section V of [3]. We briefly recall the basic definitions and notations, with the purpose of making self-consistent the discussion; reference should be made to [3] for further details.

A tree θ is a graph, that is a connected set of points and lines, with no cycle, such that all the lines are oriented toward a unique point (root) which has only one incident line (root line). All the points in a tree except the root are denoted nodes. The orientation of the lines in a tree induces a partial ordering relation (\preceq) between the nodes. Given two nodes v and w , we shall write $w \preceq v$ every time v is along the path (of lines) which connects w to the root. We call $E(\theta)$ the set of endpoints in θ , that is the nodes which have no entering line. The endpoints can be represented either as white bullets or as black bullets; we denote with $E_W(\theta)$ and $E_B(\theta)$ the set of white bullets and the set of black bullets, respectively. With each endpoint v we associate a mode label $\nu_v \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that $\nu_v = 0$ if $v \in E_W(\theta)$ and $\nu_v \neq 0$ if $v \in E_B(\theta)$. We denote with $L(\theta)$ the set of lines in θ . Since ℓ is uniquely identified with the point v which it leaves, we may write $\ell = \ell_v$. With each line ℓ we associate a momentum label $\nu_{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}$. The modes of the endpoints and the momenta of the lines are related as follows: if $\ell = \ell_v$ one has

$$\nu_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{s_v} \nu_{\ell_i} = \sum_{w \in E_B(\theta) : w \preceq v} \nu_w, \quad (2.4)$$

where s_v denotes the number of lines entering v (one has $s_v = 2$ if $g(x) = x^2$ in (1.1), otherwise $s_v \geq 2$), and $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{s_v}$ are the lines entering v . We denote by $V(\theta)$ the set of vertices in θ , that is the set of points which have at least one entering line. We set $V_0(\theta) = \{v \in V(\theta) : \nu_{\ell_v} = 0\}$. We call *equivalent* two trees which can be transformed into each other by continuously deforming the lines in such a way that they do not cross each other. Let $\mathcal{T}_{k, \nu}$ be the set of inequivalent trees of order k and total momentum ν , that is the set of inequivalent trees θ such that $|V(\theta)| + |E_B(\theta)| = k$ and the momentum of the root line is ν . We associate with each line ℓ a *propagator*

$$g_{\ell} = \begin{cases} 1/((i\omega\nu_{\ell})(1 + i\varepsilon\omega\nu_{\ell})), & \nu_{\ell} \neq 0, \\ 1, & \nu_{\ell} = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

with each vertex v a node factor

$$F_v = \begin{cases} -\varepsilon, & v \notin V_0(\theta), \\ -1/2c_0, & v \in V_0(\theta), \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

and with each endpoint v a node factor

$$F_v = \begin{cases} c_0, & v \in E_W(\theta), \\ \varepsilon f_{\nu_v}, & v \in E_B(\theta). \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

Then (2.3) says that each coefficient $x_\nu^{[k]}$ is given by the sum over all trees of order k and total momentum ν of the corresponding values.

It is more convenient to slightly change the definition of node factors and propagators, by associating the factor ε with the propagator g_ℓ of the line ℓ coming out from v and not with v itself. In this way the propagator of any line with ℓ momentum $\nu_\ell \neq 0$ is

$$g_\ell = g(\omega\nu_\ell; \varepsilon), \quad g(x; \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{ix(1 + i\varepsilon x)}, \quad (2.8)$$

and the only dependence on ε in $\text{Val}(\theta)$ is through the product of propagators with non-vanishing momentum.¹

The function (2.8) is Borel summable, and its Borel transform is easily computed to be

$$g_B(x; p) = \frac{e^{-ipx}}{ix} \implies |g_B(x; p)| \leq \frac{e^{|\text{Im } p| |x|}}{|x|}. \quad (2.9)$$

Moreover $g_B(x; p)$ is an entire function in p , and the integral $\int_0^\infty e^{-p/\varepsilon} g_B(x; p) dp$ converges (absolutely) for all $\varepsilon > 0$.

For any tree $\theta \in \mathcal{T}_{k, \nu}$ the Borel transform of $\text{Val}(\theta)$ is given by a constant times the Borel transform of the product of the propagators with non-zero momentum. One has

$$(\text{Val}(\theta))_B(p) = \left(\prod_{\ell \in L_0(\theta)} g_\ell \right) \left(\prod_{v \in E(\theta) \cup V(\theta)} F_v \right) \left(\left(\prod_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)} g_\ell \right)_B(p) \right), \quad (2.10)$$

where we have called $L_0(\theta)$ is the set of lines in $L(\theta)$ with zero momentum, and we have set $L_2(\theta) = L(\theta) \setminus L_0(\theta)$ (cf. Section IV of [3]). The Borel transform appearing in (2.10) equals the convolution of the Borel transforms of the propagators with non-zero momentum, so that it can be bounded as

$$\left| \left(\prod_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)} g_\ell \right)_B(p) \right| \leq \prod_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)}^* |g_B(\omega\nu_\ell; p)| \leq \left(\prod_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)} \frac{1}{|\omega\nu_\ell|} \right) \frac{|p|^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \exp \left(|\text{Im } p| \max_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)} |\omega\nu_\ell| \right), \quad (2.11)$$

where \prod^* denotes the convolution product, and $|\omega| < |\omega\nu_\ell| < |\omega| \sum_{v \in E_B(\theta)} |\nu_v|$; cf. Remarks (4) to (6) after Definition 1 in [4] for properties of the Borel transforms we are using here.

Therefore, for p in any strip $\Sigma_\sigma = \{p \in \mathbb{C} : |\text{Im } p| < \sigma\}$ of the real axis, we have

$$\left| \prod_{v \in E_B(\theta)} F_v \right| \exp \left(|\text{Im } p| \max_{\ell \in L_2(\theta)} |x_\ell| \right) \leq F^{|E_B(\theta)|} \prod_{v \in E_B(\theta)} e^{-\xi |\nu_v|/2}, \quad (2.12)$$

provided $|\omega|\sigma < \xi/2$, and summability over the Fourier labels in (2.3) is assured. The sum over k in (2.2) produces a quantity bounded proportionally to the exponential $e^{\Gamma|p|}$, for some positive constant Γ . A comparison with [3] shows that $\Gamma = 1/\varepsilon_0$, where ε_0 is the same as in the statement of the theorem. In particular the Borel transform $x_B(t; p)$ of the series (2.2) turns out to have an analytic continuation to the strip Σ_σ , and admits there the bound $|x_B(t; p)| \leq C e^{\Gamma|p|}$, for a suitable constant C . Hence the integral

$$g(t; \varepsilon) := \int_0^\infty e^{-p/\varepsilon} x_B(t; p) dp \quad (2.13)$$

absolutely converges provided $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$. So also the last two conditions for the formal series of $x(t; \varepsilon)$ to be Borel summable are satisfied.

¹Note that $g(x; \varepsilon)$ in (2.8) has a completely different meaning with respect to the function $g(x)$ appearing in (1.1). The same *caveat* applies to the propagators $g^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)$ in Section 3.

That the solution $x(t; \varepsilon)$ describes a local attractor, under the further condition $g'(c_0) > 0$, follows from the analysis performed in [1]. \blacksquare

Note that, because of the analyticity properties of $x_B(t; p)$, it follows, as a consequence of Nevanlinna's theorem [8], that the function defined by the integral (2.13) is analytic in the circle $C_R = \{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \varepsilon^{-1} > R^{-1}\}$, with $R = \varepsilon_0$, and satisfies the bound

$$g(t; \varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \varepsilon^k x^{(k)}(t) + \mathfrak{R}_N(\varepsilon), \quad |\mathfrak{R}_N(\varepsilon)| \leq AB^N N! |\varepsilon|^N, \quad (2.14)$$

with constants A and B independent of N . This is consistent with Proposition 5.3 of [3].

3 Borel summability for $d = 2$ and $\tau = 1$

In the case of quasi-periodic forcing terms for $d = 2$ we obtain the following result.

Theorem 3.1 *Consider the system (1.1) for $d = 2$, and assume that ω satisfies the Diophantine condition (1.3) with $\tau = 1$ and that the non-degeneracy condition (1.4) is fulfilled. There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ there is a quasi-periodic solution $x(t; \varepsilon)$ which has the same frequency vector as the forcing term and is Borel summable at the origin. If $g'(c_0) > 0$ such a solution describes a local attractor.*

Proof. Again we discuss explicitly the case $g(x) = x^2$ in (1.1). Let ψ be a non-decreasing C^∞ function defined in \mathbb{R}_+ , such that

$$\psi(u) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } u \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{for } u \leq 1/2, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

and set $\chi(u) := 1 - \psi(u)$. Define, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\chi_n(u) := \chi(2^n C_0^{-1} u/4)$ and $\psi_n(u) := \psi(2^n C_0^{-1} u/4)$.

With each line ℓ with zero momentum we associate a scale label $n_\ell = -1$, while with each line with non-zero momentum we associate (arbitrarily) a scale label $n_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$. Then we can define cluster and self-energy clusters as in [5, 3]. A cluster T on scale n is a maximal set of points and lines connecting them such that all the lines have scales $n' \leq n$ and there is at least one line with scale n . The lines entering the cluster T and the possible line coming out from it (unique if existing at all) are called the external lines of the cluster T . Given a cluster T on scale n , we shall denote by $n_T = n$ the scale of the cluster; we call $V(T)$, $E(T)$, $E_W(T)$, $E_B(T)$, and $L(T)$ the set of vertices, of endpoints, of white endpoints, of black endpoints, and of lines of T , respectively. We call self-energy cluster any cluster T such that T has only one entering line ℓ_T^2 and one exiting line ℓ_T^1 , and one has $\sum_{v \in E_B(T)} \nu_v = \mathbf{0}$. With each line ℓ with momentum ν_ℓ and scale n_ℓ we associate a renormalised propagator $g_\ell = g^{[n_\ell]}(\omega \cdot \nu_\ell; \varepsilon)$, still to be defined. On the contrary the node factors are defined as in the previous case (with the only trivial difference that now ν_v , replacing ν_v , is a d -dimensional vector).

Define the self-energy value $\mathcal{V}_T(\omega \cdot \nu; \varepsilon)$ in terms of the renormalised propagators and node factors as

$$\mathcal{V}_T(\omega \cdot \nu; \varepsilon) = \left(\prod_{\ell \in L(T)} g^{[n_\ell]}(\omega \cdot \nu_\ell; \varepsilon) \right) \left(\prod_{v \in E(T) \cup V(T)} F_v \right), \quad (3.2)$$

where ν is the momentum of both the external lines of T .

We proceed as in Section VI of [3], with the only two differences that we perform a preliminary summation by including the contribution $-2\varepsilon c_0$ (arising from the self-energy graphs on scale -1) into the propagator $g^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon)$, and – as in the periodic case of Section 2 – we associate the factors ε to the

propagators with non-zero momentum. Therefore we define²

$$g^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon \psi_0(|x|)}{ix(1 + i\varepsilon x) - 2\varepsilon c_0}, \quad M^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{S}_{k,0}^{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{V}_T(x; \varepsilon), \quad (3.3)$$

whereas the propagators on scale $n \geq 1$ are defined as in [3], again with a factor ε appearing in the numerator of the propagators with non-zero momentum; this means that one has

$$g^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon \chi_0(|x|) \cdots \chi_{n-1}(|x|) \psi_n(|x|)}{ix(1 + i\varepsilon x) - \mathcal{M}^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon)}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \sum_{p=1}^n \chi_0(|x|) \cdots \chi_{p-1}(|x|) \chi_n(|x|) M^{[p]}(x; \varepsilon), \quad M^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{S}_{k,n}^{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{V}_T(x; \varepsilon),$$

where the set of renormalized self-energy clusters $\mathcal{S}_{k,n}^{\mathcal{R}}$ is defined as the set of self-energy clusters T on scale $n_T = n$ and of order k (that is with $|V(T)| + |E_B(T)| = k$). With respect to [3, 5] a further factor ε appears in $M^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)$, $n \geq 0$, simply because there is one of such factors per node (vertex or endpoint) with exiting line carrying a non-zero momentum – cf. Section 6 in [5] –, and we are associating the factors ε with the lines instead of the nodes.

An easy computation gives, for the Borel transform of $g^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon)$,

$$g_B^{[0]}(x; p) = \frac{\psi_0(|x|)}{ix} \exp\left(-ip\left(x - 2\frac{c_0}{x}\right)\right) \implies \left|g_B^{[0]}(x; p)\right| \leq \frac{1}{|x|} e^{(|x|+2|c_0|/|x|)|\operatorname{Im} p|}. \quad (3.5)$$

If we set, for $n \geq 0$,

$$\tilde{g}^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{ix(1 + i\varepsilon x) - \mathcal{M}^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon)} \quad \forall |x| \leq 2^{-(n-1)} C_0, \quad (3.6)$$

and define $M^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \mathcal{M}^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) - \mathcal{M}^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon)$, we obtain the recursive equations

$$\left(\tilde{g}^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)\right)^{-1} = \left(\tilde{g}^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon)\right)^{-1} - \chi_0(|x|) \cdots \chi_{n-1}(|x|) \varepsilon^{-1} M^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon) \quad n \geq 1. \quad (3.7)$$

By using these equations we can prove inductively the bound

$$\left|\tilde{g}_B^{[n]}(x; p)\right| \leq \frac{K_0}{|x|} e^{(c_n + c'_n |x|^{-1/2})|p| + \kappa_0 |\operatorname{Im} p| (d_n |x| + d'_n |x|^{-1})}, \quad (3.8)$$

where K_0 and κ_0 are two constants, and the sequences $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, $\{c'_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, $\{d_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, $\{d'_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ are to be found out.

The proof proceeds as in Appendix A1 of [4]. Set $x_\ell = \omega \cdot \nu_\ell$, and call $L_0(T)$ and $L_2(T)$ the set of lines in $L(T)$ with zero momentum and the set $L_2(T) = L(T) \setminus L_0(T)$, respectively. First we use the inductive bound to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\left(\frac{M^{[N]}(x; \varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}\right)_B\right| &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{S}_{k,N-1}^{\mathcal{R}}} \left(\prod_{\ell \in L_0(T)} |g_\ell|\right) \left(\prod_{v \in E(T) \cup V(T)} |F_v|\right) \\ &\quad \left(\prod_{\ell \in L_2(T)}^* \frac{K_0}{|x_\ell|} e^{(c_{n_\ell} + c'_{n_\ell} |x_\ell|^{-1/2})|p| + \kappa_0 (d_{n_\ell} |x_\ell| + d'_{n_\ell} |x_\ell|^{-1})|\operatorname{Im} p|}\right) \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{v \in E_B(\theta)} e^{-\xi |\nu_v|}\right) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \Gamma^k \frac{|p|^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} e^{(c_{N-1} + c'_{N-1} 2^{N/2})|p| + \kappa_0 d'_{N-1} 2^N |\operatorname{Im} p|}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

²See footnote 1 in Section 2.

where $D_0 = \Gamma^2$, $r_N = \Gamma + c_{N-1} + \Gamma_0 c'_{N-1} 2^{N/2}$, for some N -independent constant Γ_0 . The bound in the last line of (3.9) has been obtained by using part of the exponential decay (say one fourth) of the node factors associated with the endpoints to control the exponent $\kappa_0 d_{N-1} \max_{\ell \in L_2(T)} |x_\ell|$, provided $d_{N-1} < d$ for some N -independent constant d and $|\operatorname{Im} p| \leq \sigma$, with σ small enough, more precisely $\kappa_0 \sigma d |\omega| < \xi/4$.

By explicitly performing the sum over k we obtain from (3.6)

$$\left| \left(\frac{M^{[N]}(x; \varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} \right)_B \right| \leq D_0 e^{r_N |p|} e^{-\xi_0 2^N}, \quad (3.10)$$

where we have used the bound $\sum_{v \in E_B(T)} |\nu_v| \geq \Gamma_1 2^N$, for a suitable constant Γ_1 – see formula (7.12) of [5] – and again part of the exponential decay (say another one fourth) of the node factors associated with the endpoints to control the exponent $\kappa_0 d'_{N-1} 2^N |\operatorname{Im} p|$, provided again $d'_{N-1} < d'$ for some N -independent constant d' and $\kappa_0 d' \sigma < \xi \Gamma_1/4$; in particular one finds $\xi_0 = \Gamma_1 \xi/4$.

Then, by using (3.10) and, once more, the inductive bound, we obtain from (3.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \tilde{g}_B^{[N]}(x, p) \right| &\leq \frac{K_0}{|x|} e^{(c_{N-1} + c'_{N-1} |x|^{-1/2})|p| + \kappa_0 (d_{N-1} |x| + d'_{N-1} |x|^{-1}) |\operatorname{Im} p|} \\ &\quad * \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\left(D_0 e^{r_N |p|} e^{-\xi_0 2^N} \right) * \left(\frac{K_0}{|x|} e^{(c_{N-1} + c'_{N-1} |x|^{-1/2})|p| + \kappa_0 (d_{N-1} |x| + d'_{N-1} |x|^{-1}) |\operatorname{Im} p|} \right) \right)^{*k}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

with $a^{*k} = a * a * \dots * a$ (k times). This gives

$$\left| \tilde{g}_B^{[N]}(x, p) \right| \leq \frac{K_0}{|x|} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} \left(\frac{K_0 |p|^2}{|x|} D_0 e^{-\xi_0 2^N} \right)^k e^{(r_N + c'_{N-1} |x|^{-1/2})|p| + \kappa_0 (d_N |x| + d'_{N-1} |x|^{-1}) |\operatorname{Im} p|}, \quad (3.12)$$

which implies the bound (3.5) for $n = N$, with $c_N = r_N = \Gamma + c_{N-1} + \Gamma_0 c'_{N-1} 2^{N/2}$, $c'_N = c'_{N-1} + \sqrt{K_0 D_0 e^{-\xi_0 2^N}}$, $d_N = d_{N-1}$ and $d'_N = d'_{N-1}$. In particular one has $d_N = d = 1$ and $d_{N'} = d' = 2|c_0|$, so that there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that $\max\{c_n 2^{-n/2}, c'_n, d_n, d_{n'}\} \leq c$ for all $n \geq 0$.

The bounds (3.8) for the Borel transforms of the propagators can be used to obtain a bound on the Borel transform $x_B(t; p)$ of $x(t; \varepsilon)$. We omit the details, which can be derived exactly as in Appendix A1 of [4]. Eventually one finds the bound

$$|x_B(t; p)| \leq C_1 e^{C_2 |p|^2}, \quad (3.13)$$

for suitable constants C_1 and C_2 . Again, the bound (3.13) and the analyticity properties of $x_B(t; p)$ implies that $x(t; \varepsilon)$ is Borel summable, and it can be written for $\varepsilon > 0$ as

$$x(t; \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty e^{-p/\varepsilon} x_B(t; p) dp, \quad (3.14)$$

in terms of its Borel transform.

As in the case $d = 1$ the last statement of the theorem has been proved in [1]. ■

In the general case $g(x) \neq x^2$ in (1.1) the quantity $2c_0$ has to be replaced with $g'(c_0)$, with $g'(c_0) \neq 0$ by hypothesis. Then the discussion proceeds as in Section VII of [3].

Note also that in the case $d = 2$ and $\tau = 1$ the Borel transform is still defined in a strip around the real axis, but it does not satisfy any more an exponential bound like in the case $d = 1$ (at least the argument given above does not provide an estimate of this kind). Thus, we cannot apply Nevanlinna's theorem to prove Borel summability.

4 Bryuno frequency vectors

Let $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be a Bryuno vector. This means that $B(\omega) < \infty$, with $B(\omega)$ defined in (1.6).

Theorem 4.1 *Consider the system (1.1) for any $d \geq 2$, and assume that ω satisfies the Bryuno condition $B(\omega) < \infty$ and that the non-degeneracy condition (1.4) is fulfilled. There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all real $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ there is a quasi-periodic solution with frequency vector ω . If $g'(c_0) > 0$ such a solution describes a local attractor.*

For simplicity's sake we discuss the case $g(x) = x^2$ and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, but the analysis can be easily generalised to any analytic function g (provided the non-degeneracy condition (1.4) is satisfied). Furthermore the solution can be showed to extend to a function analytic in ε in the domain \mathcal{C}_R defined in Section VI of [3] (cf. Figure 16 in [3]).

Let $\psi(x)$ be the non-decreasing C^∞ function defined in (3.1) and set $\chi(x) := 1 - \psi(x)$. Define, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\chi_n(x) := \chi(\alpha_n^{-1}(\omega)x/4)$ and $\psi_n(x) := \psi(\alpha_n^{-1}(\omega)x/4)$.

Set $g^{[-1]}(x; \varepsilon) = 1$ and $M^{[-1]}(x; \varepsilon) = 0$, and define iteratively $g^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)$ and $M^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)$ as done in the case of Diophantine vectors. This means that for $n = 0$ we can define $g^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon)$ and $M^{[0]}(x; \varepsilon)$ as in (3.3), while for $n \geq 1$ we define

$$\begin{aligned} g^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) &= \frac{\varepsilon \chi_0(|x|) \cdots \chi_{n-1}(|x|) \psi_n(|x|)}{ix(1 + i\varepsilon x) - \mathcal{M}^{[n-1]}(x; \varepsilon)}, \\ \mathcal{M}^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) &= \sum_{p=0}^n \chi_0(|x|) \cdots \chi_p(|x|) M^{[p]}(x; \varepsilon), \quad M^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{S}_{k,n}^{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{V}_T(x; \varepsilon), \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where $\mathcal{S}_{k,n}^{\mathcal{R}}$ is the set of renormalised self-energy clusters T on scale n and of order k , and the self-energy value $\mathcal{V}_T(x; \varepsilon)$ is defined as in (3.2). Note that we are using the same definitions of Section 3, in particular we are associating the factors ε with the propagators rather than with the nodes (contrary to what done in [3]). So far the only difference with respect to the case of the standard Diophantine condition concerns the multiscale decomposition: the factors $2^n C_0^{-1}$ appearing in χ_n and ψ_n are substituted with $\alpha_n^{-1}(\omega)$.

Lemma 4.2 *Assume that the renormalised propagators up to scale $n - 1$ can be bounded as*

$$\left| g^{[n_\ell]}(\omega \cdot \nu_\ell; \varepsilon) \right| \leq C^{-1} \alpha_{n_\ell}^{-\beta}(\omega) \quad (4.2)$$

for some positive constants β and C . Then for all $p \leq n - 1$ the number $N_p(\theta)$ of lines on scale p in any renormalised tree θ and the number $N_p(T)$ of lines on scale p in any renormalised self-energy cluster T are bounded both by

$$N_p(\theta) \leq K 2^{-p} \sum_{v \in E_B(\theta)} |\nu_v|, \quad N_p(T) \leq K 2^{-p} \sum_{v \in E_B(T)} |\nu_v|, \quad (4.3)$$

for some positive constant K . If $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$, with ε_0 small enough, then for all $p \leq n - 1$ one has

$$|M^{[p]}(x; \varepsilon)| \leq D_1 |\varepsilon|^2 e^{-D_2 2^p}, \quad |\partial_x M^{[p]}(x; \varepsilon)| \leq D_1 |\varepsilon|^2 e^{-D_2 2^p}, \quad (4.4)$$

for some positive constants D_1 and D_2 . Only the constant D_1 depends on β . The constant ε_0 can be written as $\varepsilon_0 = C_1 \alpha_{n_0}^\beta$, with $n_0 = n_0(\omega, \beta)$ such that

$$K\beta \sum_{n=n_0+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log \frac{1}{\alpha_n(\omega)} \leq \frac{\xi}{4}, \quad (4.5)$$

and C_1 a positive constant depending on C but not on β .

Proof. The lemma can be proved by reasoning as in [5, 6]. We simply sketch the proof, and omit the details. First of all note that, if we define $n(\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : 2^{n-1} < |\boldsymbol{\nu}| \leq 2^n\}$ then one has $|\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}| \geq \alpha_{n(\boldsymbol{\nu})}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$. Moreover $n' > n$ implies $\alpha_{n'}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \leq \alpha_n(\boldsymbol{\omega})$, and $\alpha_{n'}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) < \alpha_n(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ implies $n' > n$. Set $M(\theta) = \sum_{v \in E_B(\theta)} |\boldsymbol{\nu}_v|$ and $M(T) = \sum_{v \in E_B(T)} |\boldsymbol{\nu}_v|$. The bound on $N_p(\theta)$ is obtained by proving by induction on the order of the renormalised tree that if $N_p(\theta) \neq 0$ then $N_p(\theta) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{-p} M(\theta) - 1$. Then, given a renormalised self-energy cluster $T \in \mathcal{S}_{k,n}^R$, one proves first that $M(T) > 2^{n-1}$, hence, again by induction, that if $N_p(T) \neq 0$ then $N_p(T) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{-p} M(T) - 1$. Therefore (4.3) is proved. An important property is that if a cluster T has two external lines, with momenta $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}'$, respectively, with $\boldsymbol{\nu} \neq \boldsymbol{\nu}'$, both on scales greater or equal to n , so that $|\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}| \leq \alpha_{n-1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})/4$ and $|\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}'| \leq \alpha_{n-1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})/4$, then one has $|\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nu} - \boldsymbol{\nu}')| < \alpha_{n-1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$, hence $n(\boldsymbol{\nu} - \boldsymbol{\nu}') \geq n$, so that $M(T) \geq |\boldsymbol{\nu} - \boldsymbol{\nu}'| > 2^{n-1}$. For details we refer to [6].

The bounds (4.4) are obtained by exploiting the just mentioned bound on $M(T)$ and half the exponential decay factors $e^{-\varepsilon|\boldsymbol{\nu}_v|}$ associated with the vertices and endpoints internal to T to derive the factors $e^{-D_2 2^p}$, with D_2 independent of β , and by using the fact that any self-energy cluster T contributing to $M^{[p]}(x; \varepsilon)$ must be of order at least 2 to derive the factors $|\varepsilon|^2$.

Then for any $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ and for any tree θ , we can bound each propagator on scale up to n_0 with $C^{-1} \alpha_{n_0}^{-\beta}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ and the product of propagators on scale greater than n_0 with

$$\prod_{n=n_0+1}^{\infty} (C^{-1} \alpha_n^{-\beta}(\boldsymbol{\omega}))^{N_n(\theta)} = C^{-\sum_{n=n_0+1}^{\infty} N_n(\theta)} \exp \left(\beta M(\theta) \sum_{n=n_0+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log \frac{1}{\alpha_n(\boldsymbol{\omega})} \right), \quad (4.6)$$

so that, by choosing n_0 according to (4.5), the last exponential in (4.6) is controlled by half the exponential decay factor $e^{-\varepsilon M(T)}$ arising from the node factors. Then the sum of the values of all trees of order k is bounded by $(C^{-1} C' \alpha_{n_0}^{-\beta})^k$, for a suitable constant C' – taking into account all the constants other than C and the sums over the trees. Hence also the assertion about the dependence of ε_0 on $\alpha_{n_0}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ follows, and the proof of the lemma is complete. \blacksquare

As in [3] to prove existence of the quasi-periodic solution we need the following result, which together with Lemma 4.2 provides the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Lemma 4.3 *For real ε small enough the renormalised propagators satisfy the bounds (4.2) with $\beta = 1$. For ε in the domain C_R in Figure 16 of [3] they satisfy the bounds (4.2) with $\beta = 2$.*

Proof. The proof can be carried out exactly as in [3]. Indeed it is enough to show that the propagators $g^{[n]}(x; \varepsilon)$ can be bounded proportionally to $|x|^{-\beta}$, for ε small enough in a suitable domain, and this follows from Lemmata 6.2 to 6.5 of [3], independently on the particular Diophantine condition assumed on $\boldsymbol{\omega}$. \blacksquare

The proof of the theorem is completed if we show that the quasi-periodic solution is a local attractor if $g'(c_0) > 0$. But this can be proved as in the case of Diophantine frequency vectors, by reasoning as in [1]: indeed the only property that we need for the argument given in [1] to work is the existence of the quasi-periodic solution.

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